



News, Events and Information

U.S. EPA Highlights Columbus

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website on construction and demolition materials has highlighted the City of Columbus Lazarus building renovation as standout project nationwide. An overview of the project titled: Sustainable Practices: From Start to Finish available [online](#) will now be viewed and used as a resource for development professionals.

Once a retail landmark in the City, the Lazarus building now houses the Ohio EPA, Columbus Chamber of Commerce, and the OSU Urban Arts Space, to name a few. Tenants of this building enjoy special green building features including a green roof, rainwater harvesting system, and use of recycled and renewable materials.

Mayor Coleman is on a roll

The Mayor's personal passion and professional commitment to clean air and sustainable, healthy modes of travel as part of his Get Green Columbus initiative is clear- in May alone, the Mayor traveled 113 miles from Columbus to Portsmouth at the annual Tour of the Scioto River Valley (TOSRV) and unveiled the first of City's 189 new bicycle 'sharrows'. The sharrows, in addition to 54 Share the Road signs installed on High Street in the fall of 2009, remind cyclists and motorists that they, by law, must share the road legally and safely.

Further demonstrating the Mayor's commitment, the City of Columbus will invest \$10 million in bikeways projects this year alone, including:

- Design of future on-street bikeways projects; (the list of projects is yet to be finalized)
- Construction of on-street bikeways projects including bike lanes and shared signed routes
- Construction of three final miles of trail, completing a 22 mile long Alum Creek Trail greenway between Westerville and Three Creeks Metro Park
- Two new projects that will add two miles of trail, between the city's near west side and downtown, extending the Scioto Trail
- Four short neighborhood connectors that will link neighborhoods with the regional trail system
- A new trail underpass will be built from Miranova, connecting the Scioto Trail with the Scioto Mile park improvements.
- New cycling improvements to Goodale Street between Olentangy River Road and Michigan Avenue, including access to Harrison West and the Olentangy Trail.
- Design work on a new downtown pedestrian/bicycle bridge connecting the Arena District, North Bank Park and the west Scioto Trail system

For more information:

- <http://parks.columbus.gov>
- www.centralohiogreenways.com
- www.considerbiking.org
- www.tosrv.org
- www.metroparks.net

Get Green Columbus efforts recognized

The City of Columbus proudly accepted three SWACO Emerald Awards earlier this month.

1. **Chairman's Award:** Presented to Mayor Coleman for his work promoting environmental causes and greening the City's operations as part of the Get Green Columbus initiative. Just a few of his many accomplishments in this area include: greening the Columbus fleet, committing to the construction of green buildings, establishing the large-scale KickButt Columbus litter cleanup, leading the Big Darby Accord and promoting bicycling and other modes of alternative transportation.
2. **Environmental Education Award:** Presented to Mayor Coleman's [GreenSpot](#) program for engaging residents and businesses in going green by issuing window decals to identify environmentally friendly locations. Currently, there are over 1,600 certified GreenSpot areas, and the free program is now being offered to anyone in Central Ohio.
3. **Innovation Award:** Presented to E3, a partnership between Columbus, American Electric Power, TechSolve and the federal government to offer solutions for improved sustainability in large industrial and commercial companies. The program is expected to be replicated across the country.

Green Events & Activities

Get involved with the sustainability in the City of Columbus and Central Ohio by visiting the MORPC Green Community Calendar [online](#).

- **Green Building School:** June 2 and June 9 - A series of classes for professionals interested in learning more about integrating green strategies into residential and commercial projects offered by the Columbus Green Building Forum. Registration fee is \$20 per class and more information is available online at www.cgbf.org.
- **Central Ohio River Pride:** The month of June- The Department of Public Utilities and community partners will kick off the tenth annual month-long event promoting awareness and appreciation of our waterways through environmental stewardship and recreation. Activities include stream-bank litter cleanups, invasive plant removal, rain garden workshops and more. Volunteers are invited to participate.
- **Riverfest On Tour!:** June 19 (Alum Creek water activities event) & July 30 (*rescheduled* WaterFire kickoff event)- Enjoy one of central Ohio's most precious resources: our water boating, fishing and more as part of Riverfest *On Tour!* Presented by MORPC a partner in Central Ohio River Pride. www.riverfestcolumbus.org

Want to see your event listed in the Get Green Columbus E Newsletter? Contact bwhetstone@morpc.org to have your event listed on central Ohio's Green Community Calendar or consider posting your event on the national, [SustainLane](#) calendar.

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